

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on January 26, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 325 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 286, 1/15/1999

HB 287, 1/15/1999

HB 273, 1/15/1999

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 286

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Sheill Anderson, House District 25.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Carl Kochman, Chairman, Tourist Advisory Council

EXHIBIT(tah20a01)

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David Mihalic, Governor's Office.

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Homer Staves, National Tourism Organization, Member of Travel Industry Association of America and President, KOA Campgrounds

EXHIBIT(tah20a02){Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15}

Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce

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Rep. Dale Mahlum, House District 35, Missoula

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Rep. Doug Mood, House District 58 **EXHIBIT**(tah20a03) - Amendment

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Becky Baumgart, Member, Bed Tax Futures Committee

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.9}

Kelly Flynn, Hidden Hollow Ranch

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Robert Dompies, President, Montana Innkeepers and Member of the Tourist Advisory Task Force

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Mona Jamison, Montana Historical Society Foundation

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.8}

Gayle Fisher, Director, Russell Country Tourist Area and Member,
Bed Tax Committee

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Page Dringman, Montana Ranch Vacation Association

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Representative, Montana Retail Association and Montana Restaurant
Association.

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Ramona Pope, Missoula Convention Center and owner of a tourist-
related business.

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Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman and Kalispell Chambers of Commerce

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Mike Labriola, Executive Vice President, Great Falls Chamber of
Commerce **EXHIBIT**(tah20a04)

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Matt Cohn, Administrator, Tourism Bureau, Department of Commerce
EXHIBIT(tah20a05)

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Michael Art, Small Businessman, Chico Hot Springs

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Kathy Brown, Custer Country Tourism Board and Director of Sales,
Billings Holiday Inn

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Amy Sullivan, Montana Tourism Coalition **EXHIBIT**(tah20a06)

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Bill Stevens, Montana Food Distributors Association

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Pat Anderson, Montana Bed and Breakfast Association

EXHIBIT(tah20a07)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.3}

Larry Lambert, Ruby's Inn and Convention Center, Missoula
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.9}

E. Hendrich, Trustee, Montana Historical Society
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.7}

Manager, Park Plaza Hotel, Helena
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.1}

Opponents' Testimony:

Steve McCool, University of Montana, Missoula
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Norma Nickerson, University of Montana
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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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HEARING ON HB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Shiell Anderson, House District 25.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.3}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

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HEARING ON HB 273

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Raney, House District 26, Livingston **EXHIBIT**(tah20a08)
EXHIBIT(tah20a09)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Sen. Lorents Grosfield, Senate District 26 **EXHIBIT**(tah20a10)

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Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

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Joan Bennett, Mayor, Great Falls **EXHIBIT**(tah20a11)

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Steve Golman, Park County Development, Livingston

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.7}

Jami McCall, City of Billings

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.5}

Mike Doyle, Livingston City Commissioner

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Steve McCool, University of Montana, Forestry Division

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Norma Nickerson, University of Montana

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Opponents' Testimony:

Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce

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Dave Mihalic, Governor's Office

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Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers

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Amy Sullivan, Tourist Coalition **EXHIBIT**(tah20a12)

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Charles Brooke, Billings Chamber of Commerce

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Dave Smith, Executive Director, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

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Teresa Cox, Missoula Visitor Bureau and Chamber of Commerce

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Tom Ebzery, Attorney, Air Force Managers Association.

EXHIBIT(tah20a13)

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Linda Anderson, Executive Director, Tourism Commission,
representing 8 Northwest Montana Counties **EXHIBIT**(tah20a14)

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Mike Labriola, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.

EXHIBIT(tah20a15)

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Charity Watt, Helena Chamber of Commerce

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Carl Kochman, Tourism Advisory Committee Task Force

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Patty Williams, Director, Missoula Convention and Visitor Center

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Patti Kiderlew, Director, Livingston Chamber of Commerce

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Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

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Chris Ervin, Billings Hotel/Motel Association.

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Matt Cohn, Director, Travel Montana, Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT(tah20a16) **EXHIBIT**(tah20a17)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

EXHIBIT (tah20a18)

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 P.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah20aad)